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THE CARTER FAMILY TREE. New Edition. Prepared by Mrs. M. C. Oliver, P. O., Shirley, Va. 1897.

The, almost, innumerable descendants of the Carter family and all who are interested in Virginia genealogy are under obligations to Mrs. Marion Carter Oliver, of Shirley, for the new edition of the "Carter Tree," which she has prepared. This admirable family chart was first compiled by Mrs. Oliver's father, the late Captain R. R. Carter, of Shirley; but experience has shown, that as valuable and useful as the first chart was, it had deficiencies, especially in the lack of completeness, which Mrs. Oliver determined to supply. The chart just issued is a very large one, four feet six inches square, and is the result of years of careful and laborious investigation. Not only have the various lines given in the first edition been carefully re-used, but three thousand new names have been added. No one who examines the chart will fail to have an appreciation of the labor it has required; but only those who have had some experience in preparing such things can fully understand the great amount of time, and the patient and careful labor which has been bestowed upon this work. It is a monument of the author's loving regard for her name and kin, and is bound to be of great interest to all who trace descent from the honored name of Carter.

Charts are sometimes unsatisfactory modes of presenting family history, because they have no place for proofs of the statements made. No one, however, need have such a fear in regard to the "Carter Tree." We have examined carefully, and checked by the authorities, the chief lines of descent (the chart is so extensive that more could not be done) and find in every instance that the statements made are correct. Where record evidence could be obtained, Mrs. Oliver has evidently used it, and where there was none it is plain that information has been obtained from the sources most likely to furnish it correctly.

It was our intention to give a list of some of the hundreds of names which appear on the chart, but as it is so extensive and there can be no principle of selection, we abandon the idea. It is sufficient to say that there is hardly a family of any length of residence in Virginia whose name will not be found in this great catalogue of the descendants of John Carter, the immigrant. In very many instances, indeed in the majority of cases, the accounts of descent given here are not elsewhere in print. In fact the "tree" may be truly termed an extensive and accurate compendium of Virginia families. Too much cannot be said for the skill and care with which Mrs. Oliver has performed her work. The chart is handsomely lithographed on strong paper and folded in a cover, or on heavier, to be mounted or framed.

LOWER NORFOLK COUNTY VIRGINIA ANTIQUARY. No. 2, Parts I, II.
Edward W. James, Editor.

The leading selections in these two parts of No. 2 of the Antiquary

consist of "Property Owners, Princess Anne County, 1860," "Abstracts from Norfolk Marriage Bonds;" also Lists of Marriages performed by the Revs. Anthony Walke and Joshua Lawrence; "Taxable Property in Norfolk County in 1784," "Carriage Owners of Princess Anne County, 1859." Of special interest are the instalments of recollections under title of "My Mother," "The Church in Lower Norfolk County," and "Lower Norfolk County Libraries." The Antiquary with each number grows in value and interest, showing in the Parts under review, as in those preceding, remarkable discrimination in selection. The editor has an unfailing historic sense, an intuitive recognition of what is of real historical value. Moreover, he understands what is of interest to readers who make no claim to being historical specialists. We venture to say that in no periodical of the same compass can be found so much historical material entirely new, which is of almost equal interest to historical specialists and intelligent general readers alike. We trust that the editor may be able to see his way clear hereafter to converting his periodical into a quarterly. The more we have of such careful and thoughtful selections from the records of the Norfolk Peninsula, the richer will Virginia be in her published materials for the complete understanding of her history.

INDEX TO HENING'S VIRGINIA STATUTES AT LARGE. By Prof. J. J. Casey. New York City, \$5.00.

This index is like a friend's hand extended to us in the dark. How many who have used Hening's Statutes (and who, feeling an interest in our Virginian history, has not used them?) have not ardently wished for a good index to save many an hour of precious time. Prof. Casey deserves the gratitude of all students of Virginian law, genealogy and history for his copious and carefully arranged index. It should be in the hands of every one who has occasion to use Hening's noble collection of Virginia's Colonial laws. Cannot Prof. Casey do a similar work for Meade's "Old Families and Churches," which in its present state is a wildwood where we have to wander far and near before we are able to lay our hands on the facts we are searching for.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW. October, 1897, Number. J. Franklin Jamison, Managing Editor.

We have followed the career of this Review so far with very great interest, and from some points of view our expectations as to its usefulness have not been disappointed. In one important respect, however, we consider it open to serious criticism. It might as well be called the European Historical Review as the American. We question very much the propriety of publishing in it so many articles on European history